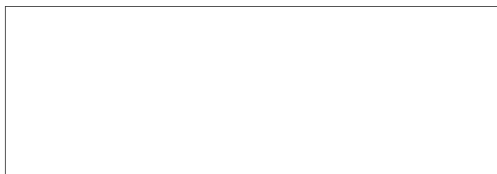


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1 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Meeting of the NRO Executive Committee

1. It seems to me that the first meeting of the Executive Committee should be essentially an organizational meeting and that no specific action or decisions are called for other than the appointment of an Executive Secretary.

2. On this point, Mr. Vance told me that he was considering Jim Reber as an appropriate candidate for this job. I understand that both Mr. Reber and the DDS&T would concur in such a proposal. It would have the advantage of ensuring Mr. Reber's presence at meetings of the Committee in an official capacity. It would also serve to ensure us of an appropriate voice in the formulation of agenda items and in the preparation and dissemination of records. Mr. Reber tells me that the job would not conflict with other responsibilities. Accordingly, I would recommend adoption of this proposal.

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3. Other items for discussion would include [redacted] (for present status of which, see attached memorandum) and the report on the current status of the various contracts for a new general search system. On this latter point, I understand that Eastman is pretty well out of the running because of their commitments in the [redacted]. This would seem to make it almost inevitable that one of the two Perkin-Elmer systems would ultimately be selected.

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4. As I understand it, Mr. Vance's primary objective in an early meeting of the Executive Committee is to indoctrinate Dr. Hornig and ensure that his presence in the program is not allowed to dissipate.

5. I suggest that you also take the occasion of this meeting to discuss the implications of the chart (annexed), showing the relative performance of the Soviet versus U.S. satellite reconnaissance systems.

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2 Attachments

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